

Remarks

The following remarks address the office action mailed February 9, 2005. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10-15 have been amended. Claims 18-20 are added. Claims 1-20 are pending. Entry and reconsideration of the claims as they are currently presented are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 3-4 and 15 were rejected as being indefinite for including the phrase "and the like." Claims 3-4 and 15 are amended, thereby obviating the rejection. Claims 2-3, 10, 13, and 15 are rejected as being indefinite for including the phrase "such as." The claims have been amended to eliminate the phrase "such as," thereby obviating the rejection.


Furthermore, the Office Action indicated that the relationship between "x" and "X" is unclear, and that the presence of "1." and "a." adjacent to formula 7 and 3 should be deleted. Amendments addressing these objections have been made.

Subject matter deleted from claims 3, 10 and 13 is presented in new claims 18-20, respectively. In addition, the Examiner indicated that a compound cannot precede the term comprising since it renders the compound embracing indefinite species that can be known and/or unknown in the art. The affected claims are amended to use appropriate Markush Language.

With respect to all amendments, Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and have not acquiesced any objections and/or rejection made by the Examiner. These amendments render the basis of this rejection under § 112, second paragraph, moot. Withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejections is respectfully requested.

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